

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment prior to issuance of this application is respectfully requested.

By the present Amendment, a typographical error is corrected. This typographical error occurred in the preparation of the October 7, 2002 Amendment. Specifically, in retyping claim 4 for the October 7, 2002 Amendment, the term "Pb-free metal layer" (which was the original phraseology of claim 4 on line 6 and 7 of the specification as filed) was inadvertently typed as "Pb-layer." Therefore, the present Amendment corrects this typographical error. With regard to this, it is noted that this amendment is necessary to provide proper antecedent basis for the subsequent use of the term "Pb-free metal layer" at other locations in claim 4. It is also noted that the term "Pb-free metal layer" is found in other independent claims as well, for example claim 5. Therefore, entry of this Amendment does not raise any new issues and should not require any further search. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.312 is respectfully requested.

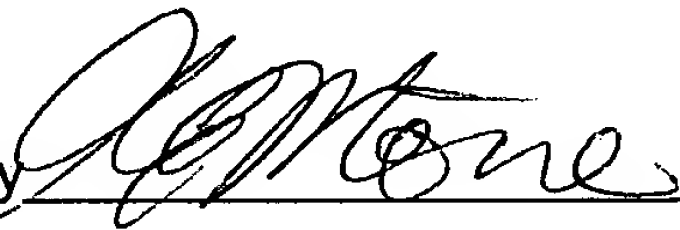
It is noted that the other claims shown on the claim list have been prepared to include the amendments which were made by the Examiner's amendment accompanying the April 16, 2004 Notice of Allowability (noting that these changes were agreed to during a telephone interview on March 25, 2004). As such, these claims (for example claims 2, 3, 9 and 10) have each been identified as "Previously Presented", rather than "Currently Amended", since it is Applicants' understanding that these changes have already been implemented by way of the Examiner's amendment.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 500.39590X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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